

**CABLE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**  
**APRIL 10, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Will Ottery, Selectman Donna Osborne, Peter Buono, Steve Flanders, Paul Hague, Dave Abrahams, Recording Secretary Craig Slattum, Comcast Representative Brian Christianson

Peter Buono asked if the equipment was given in the Bedford contract was a pass through. Brian Christianson said yes. Peter Buono then asked if the shopping channel paid into Comcast and asked if this was past on to the consumer and the answer was yes. Brian Christianson then said that Comcast has never negotiated a contract that has had free money or not had a "pass through".

Brian Christianson said that the FRC, Franchise Related Cost, is expiring. This was for equipment given to the town or building of the I-Net and was negotiated in the old contract. This FRC could be used to fund personnel or equipment.

Peter Buono said we want to keep the Emergency Override but Brian Christianson said this would be difficult to negotiate into the contract as the State has resources to do this in an emergency. Peter Buono said that Weare was a POD, Point of Distribution for inoculations should there be a pandemic and Weare might have an influx of 25,000 people. Brian Christianson said he would do his best to put it into the contract.

Will Ottery asked what an annual performance evaluation was. This would be public feedback at a public hearing. Any contract negotiated would have to have two public hearings before acceptance. Comcast does not have the personnel to train volunteers. Comcast serves 2570 customers of the 2874 that its lines pass.

Brian Christianson said that technology is not considered in the contract as market needs and competition force them to keep on the cutting edge and Weare would benefit from National demands. Federal law dictates that cable must be provided space on a pole if the space is available.

Brian Christianson said he would look into why the drop is not working at Center Woods School.

Brian Christianson said he will sent Will Ottery a draft contract by May 15, 2007 for the next sub-committee meeting on Monday May 21 @5:00pm.

Meeting adjourned @6:12pm